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SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1905.

The Value of Libraries.

The following article from the Baltimore American of yesterday is commended to all citizens who are opposed to a library for Richmond. The American says

Ilbrary for Richmond. The American says:
Some time ago Mr. Andrew Carnegic,
who has just made a munificent gift to
the Maryland Institute, offered to build
a public library for Richmond provided
that city would contribute a certain
sum for its support. The Virginia capital has not yet accepted the offer, and
there is manifest some opposition to the
terms proposed by the great philanthropist. The matter is now before the
City Council for final action, and those
opposing the plan are working hard to
induce the Council to refuse to make
the necessary appropriation. Que of
these has written a letter to the News
Leader, of Richmond and Manchester,
in which he argues that such an outlay
would be a waste of public money and
that the experience of other cities with
public libraries does not warrant their
encouragement. In his letter this writer
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enco Some time ago Mr. Andrew Carnegle

The writer of this article, though he resided in Baltimore for three years, gained in that time but a very faint enception of the aims and scope of either the Peabody or the Mercantile libraries. The Peabody though a, public institution, is not a loaning library, but a magnificent collection of books, intended for the use of those desiring to make a special study of any particular subject. Though its daily patronage may not compare in numbers with that of a public loaning library, the fact does not detract from its value as an educator. It has become a close ally of the Johns Hopkins and other local universities and colleges, the students of which make frequent use of its great collection of standard works. The Mercantile, on the other hand, is a loaning library, maintained by private subscriptions, and thus cannot be compared with a public institution, open to the use or all free of cost. a public institution, open to the use of

a public institution, open to the use of all, free of cost.

Had the opponent of the Richmond ibrary continued his residence in Baltimore until after the Enoch Pratt Free Exactly so, but what about the cotton burners leave. Exactly so, but what about the cotton raisers' profits?

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The Vice-President-elect is a man who institution. This library, with its branches, leans many books to thousands of people every year, constantly increasing its list of patrons and becoming more and more useful as it grows older. Such a library every city should have, and Richmond will, make a grave mistake if it fails to take advantage of Mr. Carnegle's very liberal offer. Mr. Carnegle's very liberal offer.

The Arbitration Treaties.

On the day after Thanksgiving we given out by the Chan-na-Gael, in substance that, the arbitration treaties pending in the United States Senate were dangerous to the Southern States; that under the general provisions if the treaties should be ratified the holders of remight bring their claims before The Hague tribunal and force a settlement. We did not believe that there was really any danger from that source, but we suggested at the time the senators from the Southern States should thoroughly satisfy themselves on the point before voting for the treatles.

purposely and mallelously fired upon the fishing vessels. All sorts of explaintions have been made, the latest of which is that the Admiral saw a school of whales approaching, and gave them challenge, but as the whales showed no lights, the 'lights' of whales being always in concealment, and as they turned not to the right hand nor to the left from their course, the Admiral opened his guns upon them and accidentally struck the inno-

cent bystanders.

This recalls a famous conversation beween Polonius and Hamlet:

"My lord, the Queen would speak with you, and presently." Ham. "Do you see yonder cloud that's

almost in shape of a camel?' Pol. "By the mass, and 'tis like a camel,

Ham. "Methinks it is like a weasel. Pol. "It is backed like a weasel," Ham. "Or like a syhale." Pol. "Very like a whale."

A Good Law.

Recently in Norfolk a man arraigned

and in pronouncing sentence Judge Witt

Southern Churchman is a splendid exponent of Bible religion, and it is the strong arm of the Church which it so nobly

We regret to hear of the death of Hon Thomas F. Goode, proprietor of the famous Buffalo Lithia Springs, in Mecklenburg county. Colonel Goode was a gallant Confederate soldier and the highest type of the Virginia gentleman. Ho was a delightful host and a brilliant conversationalist. He accumulated a large fortune, but was generous with his means.

present prices for raw cotton, they can

she does. Day before yesterday, for instance. .

General Nogi and all of his soldiers are entitled to a good long rest, and doubtless General Kuropatkin hones they will take it-the longer the better, for

It is probable that some of those Ohio grand juries may inquire why Dr. Chadwick, after going to Europe in such fine style, had to walk home, so to speak,

Messrs. Platt and Depew are the only New Yorkers to get two senatorial terms since Conkling, and Conkling dld not serve his second term out.

Breathitt county has again been heard

tisticians whom you quote says that during the year the number of readers served was 17.734, "being a daily average of 1.477, which goes to prove that there are a great number of people in Richmond who are interested in a public library."

I do not believe that you could get one-third of this number in the whole city who really wish this library, exclusive of preachers, college professors, school teachers and superintendents, book agents and librarias. Now, taking the figures which have been furnished by one of your advocates, I will get you to kindly explain how he arrived at such reports. If we multiply the daily average given above by the number of days in the year, it would make a total of five hundred and thirty-nine thousand, one hundred and thirty-nine thousand, one hundred and though the first considerably from the total given by the "statistician." Granting that your figures are correct it will cost the taxpayers about seventy-five cents aplece for each day for every reader that visited that library, basing the number of readers at about ferty-five a day of which ninety per contum would be the same parties. Of course, for a long time you could not maintain that average, as the State Library would hold the greater number of its present readers, and it could not be expected that they would leave a million dollar library to come to a little one hundred thousand dollar affair; so you would have to look eisewhere for pairons.

If this appropriation and acceptance go

Recently in Norfolk a man arraigned under the new statute, providing punishment for husbands who fall to support their wives and children, was convicted and given the full penalty of the law. On Friday last a similar case was disposed of in the Hustings Court of Richmond, the accused being convicted and sentenced to twelve months in jail.

The jury made short work of the case The jury made short work of the case The jury made short work of the case to the case The jury made short work of the case to the c

and in pronouncing sentence Judge Witt took occasion to say:

"The law gives me discretion in this case. You will go to jail for a year or until you give me bond in the sum of \$600 for the sumport of your wife and her child. The intent of the law is to make men support their wives and children. That you have got to do, or you will serve your sentence in the fall."

The Times-Dispatch believes in personal liberty, and is opposed to harsh and sumptuary laws, but we also believe in the enforcement of legal contracts. In Vifighla marriage is a legal contract, and when a man takes unto himself a wife he assumes' what is more than a moral yow. He enters into a legal agreement to specific and in the intention to the fact that it has generally been prominent citizens that have caused as good many unprofitable and expensive moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city of spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city of spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spend moves on the part of the city to spen vow. He enters into a legal agreement to cherish and support her, and when he falls to carry out his agreement it is entirely proper and consistent with the general principles of government for the law to lay its hands upon him and make him discharge his obligation.

The Southern Churchman.

The Southern Churchman.

The Southern Churchman has completed the seventieth year of its honorable existence, and the time is opportune to offer congratulations and good wishes for the New Year. Under the management of Mr. F. W. Baker and the editorial contents and support a library of your considerable to airpe and chosing and king that is objection, own choosing and king that is objection on the coupling to support a library of your constitutions in a large majority of this city without their consent. Nor do I think that you, the editor of the only morning paper, should advocate such a precedent by our Council matters that belong to the people of the city, and it should be submitted to them and not to the Council only. We fill know what it is influence is, we feel the effect of it every day. I and the render well know that it is influence more than right whick causes the council of t vow. He enters into a legal agreement to so small, to support a library of your

is influence more than right whick causes some of the most unjust and arbitrary laws to be enacted; and that it is essential to protect the taxpayers and caizens by submitting to them such maters as these for their approval.

The conclusion, I would say that the conditions surrounding this library proposition so far advocated are the most unreasonable and costly arrangement that could be made. I do not believe mat it has been so published that the public understands it, for I have discussed it with soveral citizens who have read the discussions in your paper and no two understands it alike. I talked with two gentlement is alike. I talked with two gentlement is alike. I talked with two gentlement is saturday and they believed that Mr. Carnegie's gift of \$100,000 was for the building and books, and that the \$20,000 the city was asked to give was to go to the running expenses of keeping up the library. I must say, Mr. Editor, that my understanding of the offer is that Mr. Carnegie was to give a building for the library, and that the city was to furnish the books. I think this is a matter which is not at all understood by the people of the city and I trust you will make it plain to them just what Mr. Carnegie offered and just what the city will have to pay each year (after having provided the site) in order to maintain the library. Very respectfuily, the site) in order to maintain the library. Very respectfully,

(The total yearly attendance at the State Library was given as 17,784, being a monthly average of 1,477. If our corre spondent had only taken the trouble to

As for his proposal to submit this ques argument in favor of it which does not apply to the appropriation for a new gas older, for the settling basin, for the proposed new high school but...ng, for the building of a new bridge to Manenester,

Concerning Mr. Carnegie's offer contained in a letter to Mr. Robert Whittet under date of February 21, 1901 .- The letter in full is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Whittet,-The city of Richmond, Va., with 85,000 population can do little for a public library with less than \$10,000 a year. It ought to spend much more, but if it will bind itself by ordinance of the Councils to furnish a site and tax itself to the extent of \$10,000 i year to be devoted to the library, I shall be glad to give \$100,000 for the building needed."-Ed. T.-D.)

Mock Marriages.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—I notice in the issue of your paper of the 4th instant an article headed "Mock Marriages," and note your criticism on the subject. The views you expressed in this connection prompts me to make known to you my appreciation as a citizen of the high moral standard of your paper. I believe there are no set of men on earth who exert a wider influence upon the public than editors; therefore they should be sure that they preach the right doctrines into the souls and hearts of men. I have been a careful reader of The Times-Dispatch, and from continued observation I find you ever holding, up sound and true principles of life, and when you shall be called upon to give an account for the deeds done while upon earth, I believe that many bright stars will be in your crown for the great and good influences exerted through the columns of your paper in the shaping of men's lives and directing them into the right channels. When He Was Only a Private, we of the hand. New Yan you seemed in the season of the senate Committee on Foreign Affairs Thursday more find the headed to the subject. They would have the during the holidary, and as everal find the session of the senate Committee on Foreign Affairs Thursday more find the holidary, and as everal find the holidary, and as everal find the subject. They would have the find the subject of the sub

Floyd and Thomas Forbes Deny the Statements of Cousins

THE JURY MUST KEEP ON

Pretty Daughter of the Accused Goes on the Witness Stand. Sad Features in the Case.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FARMVILLE, VA., January 8 .- The main features in the trial of Wooldridge to-day were, first, that the court would not discharge the jury, as moved by the prosecution, and the evidence of Floyd prosecution, and the cyldence of Froya and Thomas Forbes, sons of John S. Forbes, whose home was destroyed. Both of these witnesses contradicted James H. Forbes and R. D. Forbes, their cousins, as to the tracks about the burned buildings. Tom Forbes testified that he was out until half-past 10 'clock that night, and at that time the ground was frozen so hard that the mule he was riding made no impression upon the plowed

night, and at that time the ground was frozen so hard that the mule he was riding made no impression upon the plowed ground. His attention was called to this by the fact that his mule got away from him the next morning, and in looking for him he could find no tracks made at night.

Both Tom and Floyd Forbes contradicted James H. Forbes in his statement that John S. Forbes's house could not be seen from his home.

The sensation of the day was the evidence of Tom Forbes with reference to suggestions made him by James H. Forbes to induce his sister, Miss Jamie Forbes, to testify about having seen Wooldridge, his son, Dan, and Charlie Forbes the night of the burning on the premises.

Mrs. Rosa S. Carson, a teacher in the night of the burning on the premises.

Mrs. Rosa S. Carson, a teacher in the public schools of Buckingham, who spent the night at Mrs. James H. Forbos's the night the prisoner is alleged to have made certain statements that are now used against him; testified that she did not hear. Wooldridge say that he held the whole thing in the hollow of his hand, aithough she was in the parlor when and where it is alleged this statement

and where it is alleged this statement was mude. Mrs. Carson was unable to say whether Mrs. Carson was unable to say whether Wooldridge said that the burning was planned on the 27th of February, or that it might have been planned at that time. He thought it was planned at that time. She thought Wooldridge said on this occasion that a young man wearing a brown overcoat and having a light moustuche had something to do with the burning.

burning.
Miss Mazie Wooldridge, daughter of

Forbes, whose property was aestroyed, and a brother of Charles J. Porbes, who is jointly indicted with Wooldridge, for the burning, was the next witness called by the defense, and his evidence was very strong in behalf of the prisoner, in fact, he was a star witness for defense. Witness stated that at June court, James H. Forbes sald to him, there were rumors around that his sister, Miss Janie, on the night of the fire had seen three persons—that they were Wooldridge, Dan Wooldridge and Charlie Forbes. That if she would say this, that Dr. Nowih had told him, that he would testify that Charlie was insane, and that he would get him off, then would get the Wooldridges off.

That James H. Forbes also sald to witness, if Miss Janie would state this, that it would say only such that it would say only such that the would set him off, then would get the Wooldridges off.

As soon as Judge Hundley ascended the bench to-day he said that he had given the question of discharging the jury his most careful consideration. He commended the attorneys for the Commonwealth for bringing the matter relating to Juror Yenable's conversation to the court's attention, and after reviewing authorities bearing upon the subject he overruled the motion to discharge the jury, and the case was proceeded with.

Daughter Arrives.

Since Mrs. Wooldridge and her daugh-ter, Miss Maude, have been excluded from the court room on account of being ter, Miss Maude, have been excitized from the court room on account of being witnesses for the prisoner, no member of Wooldridge's family has been present until this afternoon, when his daughter, Miss Mazle, of Lynchburg, a very attractive young lady, arrived. She came straight to the courthouse and took a seat by her father.

James Forbes, a witness for the Commonwealth, was allowed by the court to be recalled by the presecution.

Wooldridge had stated to witness in discussing fact that he was suspected of the burning; that the Forbeses had been "a thorn in his flesh all his life," and that he wished he could control the lightnings; line would kill all of them.

Witness on cross-examination by Mr. Flood denied having sent Detective Brownell to Wooldridge's house.

Witness admitted that he did not, when testifying before the grand jury, make the statement which he now makes; that Wooldridge had said to him in his yard that he was good mind to make a clean treast of the Witness denicted having stated

Wooldridge had said to him in his yate that he was good mind to make a clean breast of it. Witness denied having stated to Mrs. Wooldridge that her husband and Charlie Forbes had confessed, and that she had better confess, as ...ero were twenty-five armed men at her gate, and that he could not say what would happen if she did not confess.

that he could not say what would happen if she did not confess.

P. A. Forbes, veteran clerk of Buckingham, was recalled by the prosecution to state that when coming from the burlat of his brother, John Forbes, he heard Wooldridge say to Van Anderson with a wave of his hand: 'Now, Van, you see my motive. I have it all in my possession."

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Edward II. of England deposed by Parliament and his son, Edward III. Calais, in France, retaken by the French after a short siege of one week, having been in the possession of the English 200 years.

1779.

Lafayette embarked at Boston in the frigate Alliance for France. 1782. The Bank of North America opened for business in Philadelphia. It was the first bank regularly established in America.

Mr. Blanchard, the aeronaut, accompanied by Mr. Jeffries, an American gentleman, made the attempt to cross the British channel, from Dover to Calais, in a balloon filled with inflammable air, then beginning to be used. They left the English coast at 10 o'clock and at half-past 2 reached the French side, a distance of twenty-three miles.

Millard Fillmore born.

witness, if Miss Janie would state this, that it would save the family great expense.

Witness also stated that the night of the burning, the ground was hard trozen, and that the tracks which were measured near the burnt buildings could not have been made the night of the burning.

Floyd Forbes, of Lynchburg, son of John Starbes stated that he was with Wool-

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S. Forbes stated that he was with Wooldridge at the time prisoner was alleged to have made the statement to Van Anderson; that now his motive could be seen, as he had everything in his possession. Witness did not hear Wooldridge make the statement.

The witness was asked by Mr. Huberd if he did not have apprehension that the effect of this trial of Wooldridge would effect his brother's case. Witness answered that he had not given the matter a thought in that light. Further stated that from the residence of James H. Forbes the burnt buildings could be seen. This contradicts the evidence of the pros-

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KNOCKED DOWN SHAFT.

A White Man Instantly Killed at

the Phoenix Mine.

A CADET SHIPPED BY

HIS FELLOW STUDENTS

He Masqueraded as a Lieutenant

When He Was Only a

Private.

under the care of Ashmun.

· Jean de Bloch died.

THREE TRAINS CRASH: GERMANS PUT WARRING ONE MAN IS KILLED

Railroad Causes Injuries

This contradicts the evidence of the prosecution upon that point.

During the examination of this witness, the attorneys on each side requested the court that the jury might be taken to the hurnt premises. The court took the request under consideration. The witness was examined at great length.

Witness said that the relations between Wooldridge and his father's family were very friendly; that Wooldridge was possibly closer to his father than any one less in the neighborhood. That there had never been any interruption of these conditional and intimate relations. (By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK. January 0.—One man was killed and half a dozen persons were seriously injured in a rear-ond collision, in which three trains crashed together on the Ninth Avenue Elevated Railrond structure at Horatio and Greenwich Structure at Horatio and Greenwich Structure, during the rush hours early today. The dead man was a railrond work day. The dead man was a railrond work day in a flered final hard day in a flered final h

procen-down train. The injures of passengers.

The trouble was primarily due to the blowing out of fuse on a three-car train. It was brought to a standatill and Cyrus W. Metz, aged twenty-one, an electrician, crawled under the rear truck to replace the fuse. A longer train, which followed a moment later, was warned in time by a flagman, and was brought to a halt half, a dozen feet behind the stalled cars. A moment later a third train, which, it is said, had not been warned of the obstruction ahead, crashed jip the second train, tolescoping the rear car and pushing the train into the one stalled ahead. Motz was crushed to death in an instant. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURG, N. C., Jan. 6.—Frank
Leonard, a white employe of the Phoenix
mine, in Cabarrus county, was instantly
killed yesterday afternoon while coming
out of the mine. He was struck in the
head by a falling bucket, knocking him
many feet to the bottom of the main
shaft.

A TERRIFIC STORM.

Great Fall of Rain in Lynchburg

Great Fall of Rain in Lynchburg and Streets Covered With Ice.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., Jan. 6.—Since early this morning Lynchburg hus been in the grasp of a severe storm and rain has fallen all day without cossation. More rain has fallen than any single day since last June or July, the weather bureau rain gauge at night-fall showing donsiderably more than an inch of precipitation and the storm growing worse hourly.

cipitation and the storm glowing worse.

The forencom the streets were covered with ice and movement over the streets was extremely difficult.

Mrs. France Austin, an elderly lady, fell on the streets to-day and fractured her arm.

Murderer Insane.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)

"MACON, GA, Jan. 6.—A special to the
Telegraph from Rome, Ga., says that
Jack Bone, of Floyd county, who slew
Zach Hall and was sentenced to hang on
January 3th, has been found insane by a
commission of three physicians, appointed
by Governor Terrell, and has been ordered
taken to the State Sanitarium until cured.

Snow in Bath.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WARM SPRINGS, VA., Jan. 6.—Snow has been failing here since early this morning and is now about 7 inches deep. From indications it is likely to continue through the night.

· Hustings Court. In the Hustings Court vesterday Thomas Robinson, alias "Baby Nose," was ac-quitted of grand largeny. In the same court carrie Scott was given six months for pelit largeny.

1800.

Ship Rapid, of Boston, Captain Dorr, with \$280,000 on board willy lost off the coast of New Holland; captain and crew saved.

1822.

Liberia, in Africa, colonized under the direction of Dr. Ayres. Cape Montserado, with a large tract of adjoining country, was purchased of the natives by the American Colonization Society, and a settlement commenced by twenty-eight colonists; in six years the number had increased to 1,200 under the care of Ashmun.

HEREROS TO FLIGHT Unusual Accident on Elevated Fierce Fight in Africa Results

in Heavy Losses to

Racing at New Orleans.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Jan. 6.—Midge, which barely finished in the money in the last race was the only beaten favorite to-day. Summary:

First race—selling, six and a half furlongs—Agnes Virginit (3 to 1), first; Charlie Cella (10 to 1), second; Mr. Jack (11 to 1), third. Time, 1125-25.

Second race—selling, seven furlongs—Maritana (6 to 5), first; Merry Acrobat (e to 1), second; John Doyle (20 to 1), third. Time, 1:32.

Third race—Sis Lee (even), first; Lady Fonse (4 to 1), second; Junsle Imp (3 to 1), third. Time, 1:44-45.

Fourth race—handicap—Kings Trophy (13 to 10), first; Bid Silver (00 to 1), second; Astarita (6 to 1), third. Time, 1:44-5.

Fifth race—selling, mile and an eighth—Hymattus (3 to 3), first; Barklemore (6 to 1), second; Lou Woods (5 to 1), third. Time, 2:00.

Sixth race—mile—Red Ruler (25 to 1), first; Coruscate (8 to 5), second; Midge (6 to 5), third. Time, 1:45.

Use New Course.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—The
Navy Department has decided to hold the
speed trials of the armored cruisers Maryland over the new trial course off the
const of Maine on January 25. This will
be the first time this course has been
used. The Maryland was built by the
Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock
Company and has a displacement of 13,500
tons. The contract calls for an average
speed of 23 knots per hour.

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